S. No.	District	No. of Special Schools Sanctioned	Sanctioned Coverage
7.	Tiruchirapalli	30	1500
8.	Tirunelveli	50	2500
9.	Chennai*		
10.	Erode*		
11.	Dindigul*		
12.	Villupuram*		
	TOTAL:	336	16800

NOTE: 1. * Chennai, Erode, Dindigul and Villupuram are newly added Districts.

2. The Virudunagar District covered under the National Child Labour Project Scheme has now been taken up under the INDO-US Project.

Rise in Global Unemployment

771. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the reports of the International Labour Organisation, Global unemployment continues to rise in the world, particularly in India, during the last few Years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have adopted any strategy to face the challenges of the unemployment crisis in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) and (b) As per the International Labour Organisation Report on Global Employment Trends January, 2003,

unemployment does continue to rise in the world. The ILO estimates that the number of unemployed grew by 20 million since the beginning of 2001 to reach about 180 million at the end of 2002. In India, number of unemployed on usual status basis has gone up from around 7.5 million in 1993-94 to 9.0 million in 1999-2000.

(c) and (d) Government's strategy to tackle the problem of unemployment in the country during the Tenth Plan period includes the following.

- 8% growth with business as usual will contribute around 3 crore employment opportunities.
- Special employment generation programmes will yield 2 crore employment opportunities.
- Special emphasis on agriculture, irrigation, agro-forestry, small and medium enterprises, information communication technology, tourism and other services.

New Schemes for Labour Welfare

772. SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schemes and programmes started during the last three years and current year for the welfare and development of labourers in the country;

(b) the number of labourers benefited from the above schemes during the above period in the country as a whole and in each State/UT;

(c) whether Government proposes to start new schemes and programmes for labourers' welfare during the years 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07; and

(d) the manner in which these schemes would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) and (b) The Government has been implementing schemes for the welfare of the labourers in the country. The Government has constituted Welfare Funds for specific groups of unorganised sector workers i.e. beedi workers, cine workers and certain non-coal mine workers to provide welfare schemes such as health care,